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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, has returned the following indictments yesterday and today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

TWO MADISON MEN CHARGED WITH DRUG CRIME

In a related matter, Gregory Williams, DOB 1/3/65, and David L. Franklin, DOB 10/30/57, both of Madison, Wisconsin, are charged in separate indictments with possessing with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine. The indictments allege that Williams and Franklin possessed the crack cocaine on September 21, 2006. The indictments were returned by the grand jury on October 5, 2006.

Franklin appeared in U.S. District Court on September 29, and was ordered detained pending trial. His arraignment hearing is scheduled for October 12.

If convicted, Williams and Franklin each face a minimum of 10 years and a maximum of life in federal prison. The charges against the two men are the result of an investigation by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of these cases has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

MILWAUKEE MAN CHARGED WITH GUN CRIME

Jeremie M. Billen, DOB 2/6/83, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm. The indictment alleges that on February 10, 2006, Billen possessed a .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol. The indictment was returned by the grand jury on October 4, 2006.

If convicted, Billen faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison. The charge against Billen is the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,

Firearms and Explosives, the Rock County Sheriff's Department, and the Adams County Sheriff's Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

MAN CHARGED WITH ASSAULT AT FEDERAL PRISON

Dustin Pascoe, DOB 1/9/77, is charged with assaulting another inmate on August 29, 2006, at the Federal Correctional Institution in Oxford, Wisconsin. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of six months in federal prison. The indictment was returned by the grand jury on October 4, 2006.

The charge against Pascoe is a result of an investigation by the Madison Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

CHICAGO MAN CHARGED WITH GUN CRIME

Douglas A. Prichard, DOB 9/24/75, of Chicago, Illinois, is charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm. The indictment alleges that on October 26, 2005, Prichard possessed a 9 millimeter pistol. The indictment was returned by the grand jury on October 5, 2006.

If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison. The charge against Prichard is the result of an investigation by the Beloit Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

MAN CHARGED WITH BEING IN UNITED STATES ILLEGALLY

Jose De Horta-Garcia, DOB 12/11/54, a citizen of Mexico, is charged with intentionally entering the United States after previously being deported. The indictment alleges that De Horta-Garcia was found in the United States on September 4, 2006. The indictment was returned by the grand jury on October 5, 2006.

If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. The charge against De Horta-Garcia is the result of an investigation by the Department of Homeland Security-Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

LA CROSSE MAN FACES METHAMPHETAMINE CHARGES

William B. Boma, a/k/a Boomer, DOB 9/6/76, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, is charged in a five-count indictment with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine;

manufacturing methamphetamine; conspiracy to possess materials, chemicals, and equipment to manufacture methamphetamine; possession of materials, chemicals, and equipment to manufacture methamphetamine; and conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine. This indictment was returned by the grand jury on October 4, 2006.

If convicted, Boma faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. The charges against Boma are the result of an investigation by the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Department, the La Crosse County Sheriff's Department, the La Crosse Police Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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